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The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I would draw the hon. Member's attention to the statement that has been printed as appendix to this answer, from which he will be able to verify his conclusion."

Action taken by the Government on the representations of the South Kanara District Landholders' Association and the Puttur Taluk Landholders' Association.

* 126 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the representations made to the hon. the Revenue Member by the South Kanara District Landholders' Association at Mangalore and the Puttur Taluk Landholders' Association at Puttur during his recent visit to the district have been considered by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The representations are still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know what the subject-matter of this representation was?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice of that question."

Tax on coconut trees standing on poramboke in the Trichinopoly district.

* 127 *Q.*—Mr. K. SINGAM AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are collecting 8 annas instead of 2 annas, the previous rate, as tree tax on coconut trees situated on poramboke in the Trichinopoly district;

(*b*) what the rate is of such tree tax in the Tanjore district; and

(*c*) why such enhanced tax is collected in the Trichinopoly district?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One anna and three pies per coconut tree in respect of trees planted before 1st July 1927 over which the Government have recognized the proprietary rights of the owners. For trees planted after that date a rate of 8 annas per tree is being levied.

(*c*) The tax on coconut trees was revised in the year 1921 in all districts but in view of the peculiar history of the tree-tax system in the Tanjore district, the old rate, viz., one anna and three pies per coconut tree, was allowed to continue in that district for trees over which the Government have recognized proprietary rights. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.Os. No. 2207, Revenue, dated 4th October 1921, No. 136, Revenue, dated 24th January 1923, and No. 1184, Revenue, dated 22nd June 1927,

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which have been made available to the Press. The tax on other coconut trees in the Tanjore district is the same as that levied in the Trichinopoly district.

Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar:—" With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I know what 'the peculiar history of the tree-tax system in the Tanjore district' is? Is it based on climatic conditions?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I am sorry I must ask for notice of that question."

Sale of lands in the North Arcot district during the kist season of fasli 1342.

* 128 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(*a*) to give talukwar figures in the North Arcot district for land sales during the kist season from the first month of the kistbandi of fasli 1342; and

(*b*) to state—

(i) whether it is a fact that tahsildars have advised the village officers to proceed with the land sales;

(ii) whether the village officers were compelled to pay from their pockets the land tax due from the defaulters at the end of the kist season; and

(iii) if so, in how many cases (figures may be furnished talukwar)?

A.—(*a*) A statement [a] is annexed.

(*b*) (i) The Government have no information.

(ii) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know whether the Government will be able to tell this House the reasons for this abnormal number of sales amounting to 244 and 163 in the taluks of Wallajah and Arkonam?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" I have not got the information; I shall call for it."

Protection of wild birds and animals

Cattle destroyed by wild beasts in South Kanara.

* 129 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement showing the number of heads of cattle carried away by wild beasts in the villages of South Kanara, during the years 1928–29 to 1931–32 and to state—

(*a*) whether the statistics of the cattle killed by wild beasts are published in Government publication, and if not, what the reasons are for not publishing;

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 123 infra.